

Minutes of a regular session of the Common Council of the City of Barron held January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present: David Vruwink (by computer), Rod Nordby, Ron Fladten, Mike Dietrich, Tony Allen and Bob Rollins. Absent: Kevin Haller (arrived at 6:20 p.m.). Others present: Andrew Harrington, Dave Smith, Marvin Amundson, Bob Groshong, Dorothy Groshong, Kay Bender and Mark Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Rod Nordby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given at this time.

Aldersperson Ron Fladten started the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Rollins to approve the consent agenda, as follows:

Consent agenda.

- a. Approval of the minutes of December 10, 2013.
- b. Approval of the bills.
- c. Approval of operator licenses to Jade Roatch, Josiah Madison and Hannah Voigt for the period ending June 30, 2014.
- d. Authorize a real estate tax refund in the amount of \$213.02 to Ken & Mary Jo Noesen for an over-assessment to parcel 206-1224-71-000.
- e. Authorize a \$500.00 threshold for fixed assets as of December 31, 2013.

Voting in favor: Nordby, Fladten, Dietrich, Allen and Rollins.

Voting against: none. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 nays.

Dave Smith, City Recreation Director appeared to update members of the city council on our city recreation programs. Dave indicated he had worked additional hours while overseeing the basketball program. Currently, 90+ boys and girls are participating in this program. It was suggested a Recreation Council meeting take place in the not too distant future to discuss our recreation programs.

Kevin Haller arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Moved by Dietrich, seconded by Fladten to approve the proposal dated January 8, 2014 from Mosaic Telecom for the camera system in the amount of \$2,398.00. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays.

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Dietrich to approve the proposal dated December 6, 2013 from CBS Squared, Inc. for the facility study of the city hall/police station in the amount of \$11,730.00. Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays.

Mike Dietrich excused himself from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Committee reports of meetings held since last month were given at this time.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Fladten to a adjourn into closed session 6:45 p.m. as authorized by Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Voting in favor: Nordby, Haller, Fladten, Allen and Rollins. Voting against: none. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Present for closed session: Vruwink (by computer), Nordby, Haller, Fladten, Allen and Rollins. Others present: Andrew Harrington and Marvin Amundson.

Marvin Amundson, President of the Utility Commission appeared to bring forth yesterday's recommendation from the utility commission regarding a wage adjustment for the Office Coordinator. The commission is recommending an hourly wage rate of \$18.29 due to additional job duties assumed over the past dozen or so years. In addition, they are requesting employment at thirty-two (32) hours per week.

Mayor Vruwink and City Clerk-Treasurer Slagstad recommended a similar hourly wage rate for the Elections Clerk/ Court Clerk.

Moved by Haller, seconded by Fladten to approve the two recommendations of the utility commission and that of the Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer effective, January 1, 2014. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Moved by Fladten, seconded by Rollins to return to open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried 5 ayes 0 naves.

Council President Rod Nordby called the meeting back to order at 7:20 p.m.

There will be a special joint meeting with the City Council and Town Boards of Barron and Maple Grove on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual meeting of the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department. In addition, there will be a special city council meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. to act upon an application for a liquor license at 439 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Duly moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

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Tony Slagstad, City Clerk

